

Minutes
Sustainability Group
Thursday, January 22, 2009 • 3:00 – 4:00 pm • Building 16, Room 211

Attendees:

Amber Alexander, OSPIRG & Student
Susie Cousar, Health & PE
Jennifer Hayward, Sustainability Office
Brian Kelly, Conference & Culinary Services
Claudia Owen, Science
Anna Scott, Sustainability Office
Mike Sims, Sustainability Office
Tori, OSPIRG & Student

Minutes:

1. Introductions

Participants introduced themselves.

2. Upcoming Bond Forum

Jennifer noted that a Bond Forum will be coming up soon. Jennifer encouraged sustainability group members to attend and to advocate for sustainability being a priority in Bond projects. Attendees agreed that they would try to attend and advocate for sustainability. Jennifer will notify the sustainability group once the forum is scheduled.

3. Sustainability Video

Jennifer reported that a team of Media Arts students have been assigned to make a short video for sustainability at Lane. Jennifer proposed that the video be about global warming solutions and that it be presented in a funny, entertaining format similar to videos made by University of Pennsylvania (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h95A4VZwfCg>) and University of Florida (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rYf4t4C1i30>). Attendees discussed video formats and topics. Format ideas were:

- Publicize people who are doing things (similar to the University of Florida video). Maybe use something similar to the “phantom biker” that OSPIRG developed.
- Interviews.
- Spoof on the TV show CSI.
- Involve performing arts students.

Topics ideas were:

- Lane’s sustainability core value.
- A connection between what Lane is doing and the broader world context (similar to the polar bear theme in the University of Florida video).

Mike noted that we should try to display the video in lots of different venues, including staff in-service, art galleries around campus, and the lobby vision in Building 1.

4. Reports

Recycling: Mike reported that Recycling is very busy with lots to do, lots to recycle! With composting now being offered in the cafeteria, Lane composted 5.6 tons of food waste during Fall Term 2008. Attendees discussed recycling education – ways to get the word out to people about what they should be recycling. Mike is working on getting new containers and new signage that should help clarify what can be recycled and what cannot. Tori suggested putting signs about what can be recycled in the classrooms. Claudia

suggested further developing website. Recyclemania starts next week. Lane will be participating in the waste minimization category again this year. Last year, Lane won 4th place without doing any special promotions. Amber noted that OSPIRG can probably help with promoting Recyclemania this year. Mike will contact OSPIRG to discuss how they can help.

Energy: Jennifer reported that she and Anna just attended a College Council meeting to request a change in Lane's Energy Conservation Policy to include a statement about ENERGY STAR purchases. The Council asked Jennifer to meet with Lane's purchasing coordinator to discuss implementation prior to voting on the policy change. The Council will vote on the change at their February 12, 2009 meeting. Anna reported that she is working on the following projects:

- A renewable energy grant application to EWEB.
- Submetering energy use so that the college can more accurately analyze how and why energy is being used and then develop conservation strategies based on this information.
- Using energy tracking software called "portfolio manager" in cooperation with students in Lane's Energy Management Program.

Sustainability and Learning Update: Susie reported on several sustainability in learning projects including:

- Sustainability Coordinator AAS degree.
- National Teach-In on Global Warming Solutions.
- Application for sustainability course status.
- The EPA funded Sustainability Infusion Project.

Meyer Fund for a Sustainable Environment: Jennifer reported that the Meyer Fund Steering Committee has not yet notified those who submitted funding proposals about awards. The original notification date was January 15, 2009.

5. Green Purchasing

Jennifer reviewed the discussion with purchasing coordinator, Bob Baldwin, at the last meeting. Attendees agreed to start out with the following two projects:

- 1) Working with Office Max to develop a green web interface and some auto-sub; and
- 2) Developing green purchasing procedures to put in the College Online Policy and Procedure System.

Jennifer will begin the conversation with Bob Baldwin about working with Office Max. The next sustainability group meeting will be mostly dedicated to drafting green purchasing guidelines (procedure). Brian suggested that the group involve people with purchasing authority from a variety of departments. Jennifer will invite a few people and will try to find people from a variety of departments. Group members are encouraged to invite others who may be helpful. Claudia suggested that Tana from the Science office would be a helpful participant.

6. National Teach-In on Global Warming Solutions on 2/5/09

Amber, Susie, Claudia, and Jennifer reviewed some of the events planned for the day. There will be a forum in which faculty from different disciplines will discuss global warming solutions from different perspectives. The Science Division will be having tables in Building 16. Several teachers have committed to discussing global warming solutions in their classes. Also OSPIRG has developed a "first 100 days" request that outlines OSPIRG's position on what the new administration should do in the first 100 days. Jennifer noted that we should forward OSPIRG's document to faculty because many of them might want to distribute it to students. Amber will send the information to Jennifer and Jennifer will send it out to faculty.

7. Next Meeting

Jennifer noted that the next meeting is scheduled at the same time as the National Teach-In and asked if we could move the meeting to the next week. The group agreed. The next meeting was rescheduled to Thursday, February 12, 2009 from 3:00 – 4:00 pm.

Minutes prepared by: Jennifer Hayward; Date: 1/23/09